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Mr. Anthony Cinque
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Subject: L.E. Carpenter & Company, Wharton New Jersey
CERCLA Superfund Site NJD002168748
Response to July 2004 NJDEP and USEPA RAWP Comments

Dear Mr. Cinque:

RMT, Inc. (RMT), on behalf of L.E. Carpenter and Company (LEC), has prepared this response to comment document to address the issues raised by NJDEP and USEPA in the July 21 and July 15, 2004 comments regarding the report entitled *Remedial Action Work Plan for Source Reduction* (RMT, April 27, 2004) (herein "the RAWP").

It is LEC's desire that this project move ahead as closely to schedule as possible. With construction mobilization tentatively scheduled for late fall of 2004, both RMT and LEC believe it is important that all parties focus on those issues that are critical to the implementation of the proposed source reduction effort, and understand that a significant number of the regulatory issues raised can be either addressed during or after source reduction field activities.

In addition, LEC requests New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) assistance in expediting the review and approval of the pre-construction permit applications regarding sediment and erosion control, wetlands and floodplains, and groundwater monitoring. With this in mind, we look forward to your expedited review and approval to proceed with the source reduction project as outlined in the RAWP, and the responses contained in this document.

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Please feel free to contact me at (616) 975-5415 with any questions you may have regarding the RAWP, the responses, and project schedule.

Sincerely,

RMT, Inc., Michigan

Nicholas J. Clevett Project Manager

Attachments:

Response to Comment w/Table 1 - Comment Response Outline and Cross Reference

Regulatory RAWP Comments

UST Sampling, Cleaning and Removal Paperwork Petroleum Release Response Documentation Expanded Source Reduction Remedial Area

cc: Mr. Stephen Cipot - USEPA
Mr. Cris Anderson - LEC
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